



EROS



Environmental Response to Oil Spills in California

OSPR and NOAA proudly present the 3rd semi-annual EROS course

This interactive course is designed to provide the spill responder with an introduction to the effects of oil in the environment. Through this curriculum, you will learn about environmental risk, the scientific basis for minimizing environmental impact and maximizing recovery, tools and techniques to assess and cleanup an oil spill, and the unique response resources available in California.



DATES OFFERED:
March 7-10, 2006 in Southern CA
&
Fall 2006 in Northern CA (date TBD)

LOCATION FOR MARCH 2006:
Bahia Hotel
998 W. Mission Bay Dr.
San Diego, CA 92109

DAY 1 – whole day
DAY 2 – whole day
DAY 3 – whole day
DAY 4 – ½ day (am)

TARGET AUDIENCE: Recommended for oil spill responders from CDFG & OSPR, other state and federal agencies, industry, Oil Spill Response Organizations (OSROs), and consultants involved with pollution response in California.

TOPICS:

- The nature of oil: chemistry, weathering, and it's behavior on water
- An introduction to basic oceanography and coastal processes
- Oil spill cleanup issues regarding various countermeasures and environmental trade-off
- The effects of oil on wildlife and ecosystems
- How clean is clean?
- Tools to identify resources at risk
- An introduction to Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)
- Legal issues surrounding cleanup and Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species
- Laboratory support services for the CA Department of Fish and Game
- Oiled wildlife care and rehabilitation
- Benefits and uses of GIS and GPS during spill response

****PLUS**** Two field sessions to examine a variety of habitats, practice shoreline assessment techniques, and evaluate environmental trade-off decisions.

REGISTRATION FEES: NONE

HOW TO REGISTER: Email Megan Walton at mwalton@ospr.dfg.ca.gov or call (916) 445-4325 by January 1, 2006. Final class attendees are chosen by a committee based on the number of spots available for DFG/OSPR, industry, and agency. Once your attendance status has been determined, you will receive a confirmation email.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION: There is a block of rooms set aside for this course. Information on how to book your room will be included if you receive a confirmation email.

